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SUBJ: COLORADO RIVER SALINITY: DISCUSSION AT INTER-
PARLIAMENTARY MEETINGS

1. DURING COURSE OF CEREMONIES COMMEMORATING 54 TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF EMILIANO ZAPATA, MEXICAN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES LEADER MARCOS MANUEL SUAREZ REPORTEDLY JOINED WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF CNC (NATIONAL PEASANTS COMMISSION) IN STATING THAT US SHOULD INDEMNIFY MEXICO WITH WATER FOR DAMAGES CAUSED IN MEXICALI VALLEY AS RESULT OF COLORADO RIVER SALINITY. SUAREZ ALSO REPORTEDLY STATED THAT QUESTION OF INDEMNIFICATION WILL BE RAISED AT XIII INTER- PARLIAMENTARY MEETING IN MAY.

2. IN SAME CEREMONY, SOMETIMES CROTCHETY EX- PRESIDENT PORTES GIL WAS ROUNDLY APPLAUDED WHEN HE STATED " IMMORTALITY INTO WHICH COUNTRY HAS FALLEN IS WITHOUT PARALLEL IN MEXICAN HISTORY..." PARTICULAR TARGETS FOR GIL' S SHARP CRITICISM WERE BANKING INSTITUTIONS WHICH FINANCE ACTIVITY IN RURAL SECTOR.
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